Birthplace of Australian Population

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| **Birthplace** | **1933** | | **1947** | | **1954** | | **1961** | | **1971** | | **1981** | | **1991** | | **1996** | |
| **(*total population*)** | **5,726,566** | | **6,835,171** | | **7,700,064** | | **8,729,406** | | **10,176,320** | | **11,393,861** | | **12,717,917** | | **13,227,775** | |
| **United Kingdom** | 633,806 | 70.2% | 496,454 | 66.7% | 626,035 | 48.7% | 718,345 | 40.4% | 1,046,356 | 40.6% | 1,086,625 | 36.2% | 1,107,119 | 30.0% | 1,072,514 | 27.4% |
| **New Zealand** | 45,963 | 5.1% | 43,610 | 5.9% | 43,350 | 3.4% | 47,011 | 2.6% | 80,466 | 3.1% | 176,713 | 5.9% | 264,094 | 7.2% | 291,381 | 7.5% |
| **Italy** | 26,756 | 3.0% | 33,632 | 4.5% | 119,897 | 9.3% | 228,296 | 12.8% | 289,476 | 11.2% | 275,883 | 9.2% | 253,332 | 6.9% | 238,216 | 6.1% |
| **Greece** | 8,337 | 0.9% | 12,291 | 1.7% | 25,862 | 2.0% | 77,333 | 4.3% | 160,200 | 6.2% | 146,625 | 4.9% | 136,028 | 3.7% | 126,524 | 3.2% |
| **Germany** | 16,842 | 1.9% | 14,567 | 2.0% | 65,422 | 5.1% | 109,315 | 6.1% | 110,811 | 4.3% | 110,758 | 3.7% | 111,975 | 3.0% | 110,332 | 2.8% |
| **China** | 8,579 | 0.9% | 6,404 | 0.9% | 10,277 | 0.8% | 14,488 | 0.8% | 17,601 | 0.7% | 26,760 | 0.9% | 77,799 | 2.1% | 110,987 | 2.8% |
| **Vietnam** | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | 41,096 | 1.4% | 121,813 | 3.3% | 151,085 | 3.9% |

(source: *Immigration: Federation to Century’s End*, Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, 2001)

(Left column shows **total number born in each country**. Right column shows the **percentage of the overseas-born population**) - for example, in 1933 there were 5,726,566 people in Australia. Of these, 633,806 were born in the United Kingdom which represents 70.2% of the Australian population who were born overseas.)

**Use these statistics to make some observations about the changes in the ethnic mix of the Australian population during the 20th Century.**

For example:

* Identify which country has had the largest percentage of the overseas-born population.
* Identify the countries which increased/decreased in their representation in Australia’s population.
* State when this increase/decrease happened.
* Suggest some reasons for these changes.